

July 6th, 1926.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the State Highway Commission held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

Hal Moseley, Chairman
John M. Cage, Member

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Coryell County be granted \$18,249.84 aid on construction of Highway No. 7 from the Leon River to Culpa Corner, a distance of 1.28 miles, near city limits of Gatesville. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract for grading and structures on 14.953 miles Highway No. 7, Project No. 502-A, Lubbock County, be awarded to Fred P. Holt, lowest regular bidder, for \$28,228.45. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer and concurred in by P. H. Everett, Highway Federal Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract for grading and bridges, on 9.797 miles Highway No. 24, F.A.P. 441-B, Young County, be awarded to the low bidder, Womack Construction Company, for \$52,313.25. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on F.A.P. 500-A, for surfacing with shell 12.83 miles Highway No. 62, Jasper County, be awarded to Martin Brothers, low bidder, for \$84,187.71. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by P.H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on F.A.P. 481-C, 4.105 miles grading and bridges on Highway No. 43, Panola County, be awarded to low bidder, Leath & Arnold, for \$23,268.00. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by P.H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that contract on F.A.P. 289 A & C and F.A.P. 380 A & B, Unit 11, Highway No. 3, Uvalde County, 23.262 miles of gravel^{ly} surfacing, be awarded to C. M. Kelly, San Antonio, Texas, for \$36,704.05, using caliche binder. This award recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and concurred in by P. H. Everett, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 490-A, consisting of 12.5 miles, grading and drainage structures, Highway No. 21, Madison County.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the State Highway Engineer be instructed to have maintenance begin on the Preston Road, Dallas, Collin and Grayson Counties, as of July 1st, and that the question of complying with the requirements with reference to right of way on the six miles adjacent to Celina be deferred until January 1, 1927, in order to permit the farmers to harvest crops without loss, at which time all fences are to be moved back for the required sixty feet of right of way; and that the culverts, whose condition is not satisfactory, shall be placed in acceptable condition immediately. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the request from Tarrant County for \$175,000.00 aid for use on three and one half miles of Highway No. 1 inside the city limits of Fort Worth be not granted; but at such time as the road west of the city limits is improved, the Commission will give this request further consideration.. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that in reference to the request of Fannin County for \$16,000.00 for resurfacing 3.5 miles Highway No. 78 north of Leonard, the Maintenance Engineer be instructed to take such steps in reconditioning as are absolutely necessary; but that \$16,000.00 is more than can be spared from the budget this year.

Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids on bridge recently washed out on Highway No. 20 between Manor and Elgin, Travis County, F.A.P. 227-I, Maintenance. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Travis County be granted \$8,571.43 additional aid on Highway No. 29, Job 227-N, S.A.P. 634, upon the recommendation of State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to request of Harrison County for \$185,000.00 aid on Highway No. 8 from Marshall to the Marion County line, that the Highway Engineer be instructed to notify the County Judge that due to the large amount of money requested, all of which will have to be furnished by the State, that this project cannot be undertaken at this time, but at some future date the Commission will consider the matter further when the county can assist in the construction. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the surface treatment of 17.5 miles Highway No. 74 in Williamson and Burnet Counties be not done at this time. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that with reference to request of Panola County for 50% of overrun, or \$2,762.06, on S.A.P. 502, that the State Highway Engineer be instructed to write the County Judge that under the circumstances the Department cannot allot this additional aid, that this overrun should not have been permitted by the County. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for bids on the following projects: S.A.P. 569-A, Unit 11, 12.9 miles gravel surfacing Highway No. 85 east from Eagle Pass, Maverick County; S.A.P. 569-B, Unit 11, 11.96 miles gravel surfacing Highway No. 85, from point twelve miles east of Eagle Pass to Dimmit County line, Maverick County; conditioned that no State aid be spent on these projects during 1926. M

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for grading and bridges on seven miles, Highway No. 5, Hardeman County.

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for bids on F.A.P. 495-D, and F.A.P. 77, and F.A.P. 444, Taylor County.

The State Highway Engineer was instructed to have plans prepared on six miles of Highway No. 48, from Atlanta to Linden, Cass County.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Anderson County be allowed \$17,697.03 retroactive State aid on F.A.P. 453-C Unit 1; \$12,491.29 retroactive aid on F.A.P. 403-C, Unit 1, making a total of \$30,188.32, which allowed aid is not to be paid until contracts have been let for grading and bridges on a four mile gap between the town of Neches and the Cherokee County line, and for the construction of a bridge across the Neches River on Highway No. 43, between Anderson and Cherokee Counties. This retroactive aid is allowed for the county's share in accordance with original agreement for financing projects in Anderson County. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that W. A. Obenchain be paid salary as Resident Engineer in Clay County from November 5, 1925, to February 1, 1926, at the rate of \$450.00 per month, same to be charged to F.A.P. 448 A & B and F.A.P. 449 A & B. Motion carried.

The State Highway Engineer was authorized to advertise for bids on bridge on Highway No. 12, near Bishop, Nueces County.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Highway Engineer be instructed to write the County Judge of Wise County and Jack that reference to aid for bridge on Highway No. 39 between the two counties, S.A.P. 685, the Commission cannot build this bridge without material aid from both counties. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the Highway Engineer be instructed to further investigate the possibility of stone for use on F.A.P. 434-D, Unit 11, Karnes County, and that the Bureau be notified that action is withheld pending such investigation. This stone is that found by Mr. Shepperd of the Bureau and there is a possibility of materially reducing the cost of this stone should it prove satisfactory. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Austin County be granted \$2,097.12 additional Federal Aid, not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the project, on F.A.P. 433-A, 1.16 miles on Highway No. 36 from Fort Bend County line through Wallis. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the interested parties be notified with reference to the Winnsboro-Bogota Highway, Franklin and Red River Counties, that as soon as all conditions have been met, authority will be given for the necessary surveys. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that \$270,000.00 50% Federal Aid, the balance to be State Aid, be granted to Walker County, 15.3 miles on Highway No. 19, from Huntsville to Montgomery County line. This allotment is made with understanding that no State aid will be available until January 1, 1927. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the award of contract on Unit 1, F.A.P. 438-H, Hall County, to the McClung Construction Company, for \$20,884.42 and for Unit 11, \$15,197.16 be approved. This approval to be given with the understanding that no State aid is to participate, and that the county will make up difference in the accepted bid and the low bid above the amount of Federal Aid allowed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the State Highway Engineer be instructed to write the County Judge of Johnson County, with reference to aid on Highway No. 68 in Cleburne that in as much as this road lies within the city limits of the city of Cleburne, this work cannot be undertaken or aid granted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Kimball and Mason Counties be given until January 1, 1927 to place the highway from Mason to Rock Springs, via London and Telegraph in an acceptable condition to be taken over for maintenance, and that no state money be spent on this highway until such date. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that H. L. Preston be employed as a rate clerk at a salary of \$200.00 per month as at this time the Commission is paying freight on a large number of cars of material used in resurfacing highways, and it is very important that the freight bills be properly audited and checked as to mileage; therefore the Commission deems advisable the employment temporarily of a man capable of doing this work. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Guy Courter be placed as Resident Engineer on F.A.P. 300 in Tarrant County on the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Ellis County be granted \$50,000.00, or not to exceed two thirds aid, for the construction of Highway No. 6, from the Dallas County line south 6.943 miles to the north boundary of the Waxahachie Road District, joining F.A.P. 487-C, and further that the Engineer be instructed to start the preparation of plans. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that the road from Wharton, Wharton County, to Eagle Lake, Colorado County, be designated a State Highway, on condition that the road be placed in condition acceptable to the Division Engineer, and further that same will not be taken over for maintenance until July 1, 1927. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Alfaro
State Highway Engineer.

Moseley
Chairman

John McCas
Member

Eugene Smith
Secretary